

A sufficient Number of the Members of the Lower House being convened at the Stadt-House, *Ordered*, That Mr. John Goldsborough, and Mr. Govane, do acquaint his Excellency therewith.

They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker that they delivered the Message.

Col. Hammond, and Samuel Chamberlaine, Esq; from the Upper House, acquaint Mr. Speaker, that the Governor requires the Attendance of the Lower House immediately in the Upper House.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and (with the other Members of the Lower House) went to the Upper House; where his Excellency made the following Speech, *viz.*

*Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly,*

OUR Meeting at this Time is occasioned by a Letter that I have lately received from General Braddock, which shall be laid before you; and I most earnestly desire you to let the Reasons therein offered have their due Weight, and determine you to grant such Supplies as the present Situation of Affairs requires, and the General solicits: You will find he proposes, after reducing the Fort, which the Enemy have presumed to build on his Majesty's Dominions on the *Ohio*, and recovering that Country, of which the *French*, in manifest Violation of Treaties, have assumed the Possession, to repair that Fort, or construct another Place of Defence there, as a Barrier against any future Incroachments; which he will Garrison with Provincial Troops, and leave it to this and the two neighbouring Colonies, to support and victual them. The *Virginians* have, I am advised, voted a Sum of Money as their Quota for those Purposes; and the Assembly of *Pennsylvania* is, at this Time, convened for the same End: That you also will readily contribute and join in making such a Provision as will be expedient for the Service, now recommended to you, I entertain very sanguine Hopes; since you cannot but be sensible, that on our taking such Measures, depends our own Safety; and that by declining or delaying to comply with this Requisition, we may entirely lose the Fruits of the vast Expence that our Mother Country, and our Sister Colonies on this Continent, have been at, and all the great Advantages, which we have now a fair and reasonable Prospect of acquiring. I will give you some Information of the vigorous Efforts that the several other Provinces have resolved, at this critical Juncture, to make: Their Alacrity, Fervour, and Unanimity, you must, I am persuaded, approve and admire: Let me also hope you will be incited to emulate their Conduct. Consider what Instances you have received of our most gracious Sovereign's Concern for you, in sending such a Body of Regular Troops from *Europe* to your Aid, and let the Reflection warm you with Sentiments of Gratitude for his Royal and Paternal Care: Learn what Repentment and Indignation our Fellow-Subjects in *Great-Britain* express at the late Insults that have been offered us: Think to what Debts they voluntarily and most cheerfully subject themselves, by making such Preparations for our Defence and Protection: And then consider how it will become us to exempt ourselves from every, the least, Expence; and under the Circumstances of an impending War to remain idle and indifferent Spectators: Embrace the Opportunity that now presents itself of manifesting your Loyalty and Duty to his Majesty, and your Desire to promote his Service, which you may do without laying any great Burden on your Constituents; not that I would seem to prescribe Bounds to your Zeal and Generosity, though I would indeed caution you to avoid the Rock on which the Difficulty of raising large Sums may make you split: But whatever Supplies you may agree on, I must intreat you to grant with such Dispatch as will render them effectual for the Uses to which they will be applied.

Mr. Speaker (with the other Members) returned to the Lower House and re-assumed the Chair.

On Motion, *Ordered*, That his Excellency the Governor's Speech be Read.

The Governor's Speech was Read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

*Ordered*, That the Gentlemen who were on the several Committees last Session, be continued thereon this Session.

*Ordered,*